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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear DOJ,

You really need to get some professional software and hardware engineers on your staff. This proposed settlement is ludicrous. You don't seem to even have a basic understanding of the computer industry. This settlement would be far more damaging to the computer industry than is the current situation. If you allow this settlement to happen, you will have cleared the way for Microsoft to systematically wipe out all serious competitors. Example:

Microsoft would be able to define its own standards and block and seek to destroy all opposition on the web server front. Apache is the leading webserver in use today, but since it is part of a not-for-profit company Microsoft could attack this company in much the same way as it destroyed Netscape. This is a seriously flawed document. Go back to the drawing board and start over.

Take it from a professional computer software engineer (go check it out I'm in the Who's Who for the IT industry [or whatever they called it], or at least I was at one time - I really don't keep track of that stuff, too busy writing code).

By the way, in case you forgot. The courts found Microsoft guilty, not non-compliant. These guys are criminals, you should treat them accordingly.

Best Regards,
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